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Docket No.: 50023-138

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Masayuki IMADA, et al.

Serial No.: 09/863,386

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: Customer Number: 20277

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: Group Art Unit: 2653

: Examiner: T.V. Tran

For: DISK REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND DISK REPRODUCING METHOD

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Mail Stop Restriction Requirement
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Sir:

Noting the Office Action of February 20, 2004 wherein restriction has been required, Applicant(s) hereby elect Group I (claims 1-8, 13-21 and 26) for prosecution in the above-identified application.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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